THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Judgment required to be studied in depth. As such no proposal to amend the Evidence Act is under consideration of the Government as at present.

Technical Assistance by Asian Development Bank

[*Translation*]

3599 SHRI BARELAL JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide technical assistance to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of the technical assistance grants provided by Asian Development Bank to India so far are given in the attached Statement.

Technical Assistance to India from Asian Development Bank

	Name of the Project	*Amount (US$)*
1.	Road Improvement	75,000
2.	Ports and Shipping Sector Study	500,000
3.	Indian Acrylics Ltd.	22,000
4.	Financial Sector Profile Study	48,500
5.	Pavement Management	490,000
6.	Expressway System Planning	260,000
7.	Power Sector Loan	50,000
8.	Management Training for DOT	390,000
9.	Study of DOT's Specifications for PIJF Cable	90,000
10.	Study of Industrial Engineering Standards and Costing System	270,000
11.	Second Road	100,000
12.	APSEB Operational Improvement Support	1,000,000
13.	National Program for Environmental Management for Coal fired Power Generation	664,000

	Name of the Project	*Amount (US$)*
14.	Operation and Financial Assistance for Bombay Ports	600,000
15.	Development of Ship Repair Facilitie	400,000
16.	Vadodara-Bombay Expressway	600,000
17.	Tamil Nadu electricity Board Operational I	740,000
18.	Environment Monitoring and Pollution Control	490,000
19.	Payment and Management for National Highways	760,000
20.	Private and Sector Participation in Expressway Financing, construction & Operation	500,000
21.	Road Construction Industry	340,000
22.	Undertaking a Review of the Hydrocarbon Sector Operations	100,000
23.	Vadodara-Bombay Expressway (Supplementary)	250,000

Expenditure towards Petrol on Cars

[English]

3600. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are spending huge amount, towards petrol, on the cars provided to high officials; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to discontinue the systems of drawing fuel at Government cost and pay conveyance allowance to the officers eligible to use Government vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Use of Staff Cars in Government offices is governed by the Staff Car Rules. No separate record of expenditure exclusively for each officer is maintained nor the expenditure towards petrol, maintenance etc. of the Staff Cars in Ministries/Departments is centrally maintained. Instructions, however, exist putting a ceiling on the expenditure to be incurred on the petrol/diesel for Government vehicles.

(b) No, Sir.

Container Traffic at Major Ports

3601. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage growth of containers traffic at major ports during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the small ship owners are